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SUBJECT: IEA: PRELIMINARY POSITION PAPERS FOR

PREPARATORY MEETING BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS

TRANSMITTED BELOW IS FIRST DRAFT FOR A PRELIMINARY POSITION PAPER(S) CONCERNING ITEM(S) V(D)(I) AND VII OF THE TABLE CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT IEA/SPC(75)7 (2ND REVISION). THIS DRAFT IS IN THE FORM AS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY SECRETARIAT.

BEGIN TEXT:

REF. IEA/SPC(75)7: DRAFT POSITION PAPER ON ITEM V(D)(I): "COOPERATION BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS

IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND USE, INCLUDING

CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES AND GREATER EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY USE"

1. THERE IS CONSENSUS THAT THE IEA COUNTRIES HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN ACHIEVING ENERGY SAVINGS AS AN ELEMENT IN THE EFFORTS TO DIMINISH THE DEPENDENCE ON OIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPORTS. THIS IS IN LINE WITH SEVERAL STATEMENTS BY

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES TO THE EFFECT THAT CRUDE OIL, BEING AN EXHAUSTIBLE RESOURCE AND HAVING A VERY WIDE RANGE OF UTILIZATION, SHOULD BE USED EFFECTIVELY; IT SHOULD BE CONSERVED AS A RESOURCE FOR THE FUTURE AND NOT BE USED UP DURING A FEW DECADES.

THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION MEASURES IS PARTICULARLY UNDERLINED BY COUNTRIES WHO HAVE MORE LIMITED ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

- 2. IT IS, HOWEVER, AT THISSTAGE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE IN DETAIL THE INTEREST THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES MAY HAVE IN USING THEMSELVES ENERGY-SAVING TECHNIQUES OR WORK ACTIVELY TOWARDS EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY. ON THE ONE HAND THEY CAN, GENERALLY SPEAKING, COUNT ON HAVING A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF OIL FOR THEIR DOMESTIC NEEDS. ON THE OTHER HAND THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN NOT EXPLOITING THE OIL RESOURCES TOO FAST IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR EXPORT EARNINGS IN A LONGER PERSPECTIVE.
- 3. ASSUMING A COMMON BASIC INTEREST IN COOPERATION BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD, THE PROSPECTS FOR IDENTIFYING AND PROPOSING ACTUAL PROJECTS APPEAR TO BE VERY LIMITED. DIFFERENCES IN E.G. CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES CAUSE DIVERGENCES IN THE USE OF ENERGY TO AN EXTENT THAT IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE TO PRESENT TODAY CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION PROJECTS WHERE BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY.
 - 4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND

I) THE SLT - PARTICULARLY ITS WPS FOR CONSERVATION MEASURES AND FOR R&D ACTIVITIES - SHOULD BE PREPARED TO INCORPORATE INTO ITS WORK PROPOSALS AND CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING COOPERATION ALSO WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

II) THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INVITED TO SCREEN THE FINDINGS, SUGGESTIONS AND PROJECT PROPOSALS PRESENTED WITHIN THE SLT AND TO SUGGEST A MECHANISM FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTICULAR PROJECTS AS WELL AS IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF NEW ONES.

ITEM VII (DEFENSIVE) "PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE TERMS OF TRADE IN OTHER PRIMARY COMMODITIES IN THE DIALOGUE" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(UNITED KINGDOM DRAFT) LINE TO TAKE.

- 1. OIL IS A UNIQUE COMMODITY AND HAS PHYSICAL AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS NOT READILY FOUND IN OTHER COMMODITIES (E.G. IT IS NOT READILY SUSTITUTED OR RECYCLED, IT IS A FINITE RESOURCE AND ITS PRODUCTION IS UNDER CLOSE CONTROL).
 - 2. PRIMARY COMMODITIES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARE

NOT UNIFORM IN CHARACTER AND CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED DN A COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY BASIS. THE PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE VARIOUS BROAD CATEGORIES OF COMMODITY (RENEWABLE OR NON-RENEWABLE; INDUSTRIAL OR COMESTIBLE; PERISHABLE OR STOCKABLE; OPEN TO OR FREE FROM SUBSTITUTE, ETC., ETC.) ARE DIFFERENT AND THEIR DIFFERING SOLUTIONS REQUIRE SEPARATE STUDY. A CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO ONE MAJOR COMMODITY (OIL) COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR OTHER COMMODITIES.

3. EMPHASIS ON THE TERMS OF TRADE OF PRIMARY

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COMMODITIES IS MISLEADING: A PREFERABLE COURSE IS TO SEEK TO IMPROVE THE TERMS OF TRADE OF PRIMARY PRODUCING COUNTRIES BY HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL DIVERSIFICATION AND BY INCREASING INDUSTRIALIZATION.

4. THE IMPLICIT IDENTIFICATION OF PRIMARY PRODUCERS

WITH POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS INACCURATE. THERE ARE POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PRODUCERS WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT IMPORTERS OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES AND THERE ARE RICH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT EXPORTERS.

5. THERE ARE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES IN OTHER FORA TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COMMODITIES. THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES HAS AN ONGOING PROGRAM OF STUDIES ON THE FEASIBILITY OF AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES: THERE IS TO BE A SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION; THE PROBLEM OF RAW MATERIALS WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO COME UP AT THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION; THE NEXT SESSION OF UNCTAD IN NAIROBI (1976) WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF COMMODITY TRADE. END TEXT TURNER

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